

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A process for the preparation of a crystalline solid comprising at least one zeolitic material, in which the solid is crystallized from at least one precursor compound and the reaction discharge of the crystallization is fed directly to a drying stage, drying being carried out in an atmosphere comprising less than 10% by volume of oxygen and at least one inert gas,

characterized in that said crystallization is carried out in the presence of at least one template compound, and

characterized in that, after contact with the atmosphere in the form of a carrier gas stream with the reaction discharge to be dried, condensable template compounds present in the stream are condensed out.

Claim 2 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said drying is spray-drying.

Claims 3-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that template compounds which are included in the dried crystalline solid are separated from the solid by means of at least one wash process.

Claims 6-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Original): An integrated process for the preparation of a crystalline solid comprising at least one zeolitic material, in which

- (i) the solid is continuously crystallized from at least one precursor compound in the presence of at least one template compound,
- (ii) the reaction discharge from the crystallization is continuously spray-dried, no component of the reaction discharge of the crystallization being separated off before the drying,
- (iii) the drying is carried out in an atmosphere comprising oxygen, preferably less than 10% by volume of oxygen, and at least one inert gas, this atmosphere being circulated as a carrier gas stream,
- (iv) template compounds condensable from the carrier gas stream after contact of the stream with the reaction discharge to be dried are condensed out and are recycled to (i),
- (v) the spray-dried crystalline solid from (ii) is subjected to a continuous wash process in which template compounds which are included in the crystalline solid are separated off and recycled to (i), and
- (vi) the crystalline solid obtained from (v) is calcined, the energy released as a result of burning of the remaining amount of template compounds being fed back to (i).

Claims 10-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The process as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that template compounds which are included in the dried crystalline solid are separated from the solid by means of at least one wash process.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 6-8 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 1, 2, 5, 9 and 12 will be pending in the application.